

REMARKS

There is an alternative appearing in the instant case which has not been claimed. Because of recent court decisions, Applicant is required to claim any known alternatives I wish to protect. Applicant states for the record that any other alternatives are also intended to be protected whether claimed or not.

The instant element is retrofitting standard cars with the instant device in standard position. (cf.: Fig. 22) The reason for this is that articulating is only possible with weight-bearing wheels sufficient to handle the freight loads of each car. When the payload is too heavy the car cannot be articulated. Nevertheless, railroads may wish to avail themselves of the benefits of the instant device as delineated in the original specification as filed "Background" section.

Therefore, railroads would use the interchangeable instant device fully under their existing cars. (cf.: Fig. 22) The claim's exact wording appears in the original specification as filed on page 11, line 13, thus: "fully under the ... car." Couple this with the teaching of retrofitting existing cars as well as buying new, found in the Background and Summary sections and one has the teachings of the instant device retrofitting existing cars by being placed fully under each car, or having railroads buy new cars equipped as taught herein, yet unlike the prior art, with trucks ready to be removed and replaced in the yard on a moment's notice.

Since the exact words appear in the original specification as originally filed, the new Claim 23 is not new matter.

Therefore, since Applicant does not wish to give this configuration to the public domain, Applicant requests examiner enter Claim 23 and allow same.

Thus, all claims 1-23 are allowable unchanged (save for the objections) and the examiner is respectfully requested to allow all claims in the case and swiftly pass the case to issue.

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